

NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

ABYSSINIA. Mr. Robert P. Skinner, Consul-General at Hamburg, Germany, formerly in Abyssinia sends a report on the Abyssinian kat plant (*Catha edulis*). The leaves are chewed by the natives and a drink is also made from them which is stimulating, tonic and non-narcotic.

CHILE, Lima. Alfredo Broggi, June 17. Will send tubers of *Solanum immite*.

COCHIN CHINA, Saigon. J. E. Conner, June 2. Is sending seeds of several species of *Dipterocarpus* and resin from the trees. Also seed of Ylang Ylang, *Crinum Asiaticum* and *Cinnamomum loureirii*.

FORMOSA, Tamsui. Carl F. Deichman, June 15. Is sending a package of Kah-peh sung. Will send edible bulbs of the plant in September.

HONDURAS, Tegucigalpa. Mr. Fritzgartner, June 19. Sends a new kind of matasano, seeds of maranon, seeds of Nispero, also seeds of Granadilla; likewise Honduras beans. The natives prefer these to foreign beans. They use them as 'fried beans'.

INDIA, Chittagong. R. L. Heinig, May 31. Is sending seeds of the Muli bamboo.

INDIA, Lahore, Punjab. W. R. Mustoe, June 17. Is sending Bael fruits and photograph of the tree as it grows in the Punjab. Will send elephant apple seeds later on.

JAPAN, Tokyo. Prof. J. Kozai, June 18. Will send seed of *Citrus trifoliata* in December when the fruits ripen.

MANCHURIA, Antung. E. C. Parker, July 7. Has commenced collecting seeds of the hardy cherries and apricots, that are found so far north there. Has also found a few native cherries that have sweet fruit. Has marked them so as to get scions next winter. The cherries are small, almost shrub-like and the fruit is borne all along the branches like gooseberries, giving a very pretty ornamental effect.